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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CHOCOLA).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 15, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS CHOCOLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1233. An act to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center

S. 1280. An act to amend the PROTECT Act to clarify certain volunteer liability.

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no requests for morning hour de-

bates, pursuant to clause 12(a), rule I, the House will stand in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW) at 10 a.m.

### PRAYER

Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, offered the following prayer:

God of grace and glory, You bless us in so many ways. You hold our lives in Your hands and oversee the movements of the seasons. You give us Your peace in the midst of life's storms. You read even our unworthy thoughts, and yet You invite us to meet with You.

Lord, thank You for leading us in life's precarious places, providing us with inspiring promises. Help us to live worthy of Your generous providence. May we remember to cast our burdens on You, for You have promised to sustain us. We pray this in Your strong name, Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's police officers. They champion homeland security every day, and quite often they stand in the line of fire.

Between 1992 and 2001, 594 police officers were shot in the line of duty. Of those officers, half were not wearing body armor. Their agency could not afford it. They were not wearing the bulletproof vest that could have saved their lives.

Thanks to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program, 700,000 more officers are wearing life-saving body armor today than just 4 years ago. This initiative provides police officers an additional degree of safety in their job that they deserve. I ask my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 1708 to help us continue this vital program and keep our police officers protected as they protect us.

### CELEBRATING THE 48TH ANNUAL BEAUFORT COUNTY WATER FESTIVAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as one of the greatest honors of representing the Second District of South Carolina, I will soon be in Beaufort, the Palmetto State's second oldest city and the home of Second Congressional District Communications

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